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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM

REF: STATE 193396

1. WHILE EMBASSY CANNOT CONFIRM ALL FACTS CITED PARA 2
REFTEL, MR. MTEWA WOULD DEFINITELY FACE POLITICAL
PERSECUTION UPON RETURN TO MALAWI GIVEN PRESENT
ATMOSPHERE.

2. PRESIDENT BANDA HAS REPEATEDLY LABELLED MR. MTEWA
"A SUBVERSIVE" IN SPEECHES OVER PAST YEAR. IN LATE NOV.
75, LETTERS SENT BY MR. MTEWA TO PROFESSORS AND
ADMINISTRATORS AT UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI CITED BY GOM AS
REASON FOR IMPRISONMENT OF THREE MALAWIANS AND
DEPORTATION OF FOUR EXPATRIATES. DAILY TIMES FRONT
PAGE HEADLINE ON MAY 17, 1976 ANNOUNCED "MEKI MTEWA'S
MOTHER EXPELLED FROM PARTY". THE ARTICLE QUOTED PARTY
SEC-GEN MUWALO AS SAYING, "ANY PERSON WHO WILL BE SEEN
ASSOCIATING HIMSELF OR HERSELF WITH MRS. MTEWA WILL BE
SEVERELY DEALT WITH."
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